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SUBJECT: AIFLD COUNTRY ISSUE

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1. PROP BEING POUCHED NEXT FEW DAYS. POST INTENDS PROPOSE FUNDING GRANT LA-714 FROM APRIL 1, 1974, TO MARCH 31, 1975, WITH \$80,000 OBLIGATION NEW FUNDS TO SUBCONTRACTORS IN FOLLOWING AMOUNTS: PTTI \$10,000; IFFTU \$10,000; FIET \$7,000; IFPCW \$11,000; FITITV \$7,000; PTTI FOR CTP \$35,000. POST REALIZES THIS PROPOSED BREAKDOWN WILL DIFFER FROM AIFLD SUBMISSION, BUT BELIEVES IT REFLECTS LOCAL NEEDS AND POSSIBILITIES.

2. POST UNDERSTANDS ITF MAY NOW DESIRE PARTICIPATE IN THIS GRANT. POST RESERVES POSOTION PENDING REVIEW PROPOSED ITF PROGRAM. IF ITF PARTICIPATES, FUNDING WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO AMOUNTS PROPOSED ABOVE.

3. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS ADDRESS SPECIFIC ISSUES RAISED REFTEL.

4. WE UNDERSTAND AIFLD WILL PROPOSE THAT REGIONAL ACCOUNTANT RESIDENT LIMA BE TRANSFERRED PRIOR END FY 1974 AND THAT HIS FUNCTION OF COORDINATING LOCAL PROGRAM BE ASSUMED BY AIFLD CPD RESIDENT LA PAZ, WHO WILL TRAVEL TO LIMA APPROXIMATELY ONCE
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EACH MONTH FOR THAT PURPOSE. CT HAS NO OBJECTION TO THAT CHANGE IF ALTERNATIVE PROVIDES POST SAME LIAISON AND COORDINATING

SERVICES AS PRESENT ARRANGEMENT.

5. TRAINING AT FRONT ROYAL OF SEVEN PERUVIAN LABOR LEADERS IN FY 73 COULD BE REDUCED TO THREE OR FOUR IN FY 74 UNDER THE HEMISPHERIC AIFLD PROJECT WITHOUT APPRECIABLE HARM TO GOALS OF THAT PROGRAM IN PERU OR TO GOAL OF GRANT LA-714. SOME FRONT ROYAL TRAINING FOR PERUVIAN LABOR LEADERS SHOULD BE CONTINUED, HOWEVER. IN ADDITION TO HEMISPHERIC GOALS OF PROJECT, LOCAL RATIONALE WOULD INCLUDE EXPOSURE THROUGH FRONT ROYAL OF A FEW RISING LEADERS EACH YEAR TO U.S. AND U.S. TRADE UNION MOVEMENT, GIVING THEM TRAINING BEYOND LEVEL AVAILABLE IN PERU, STRENGTHENING TRADE UNION TIES WITH U.S., AND AVOIDING CONVEYING SENSE OF NEGATIVE DISCRIMINATION AND DISINTEREST TOWARD PERUVIAN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT IN CONTRAST TO MOVEMENTS IN OTHER LA COUNTRIES.

6. CT PREFERS SPECIFIC PERU ITS PROGRAM RATHER THAN INCORPORATION INTO HEMISPHERIC AIFLD AND ITS PROGRAMS ON FOLLOWING GROUNDS: (A) SENSITIVE POLITICAL SITUATION NECESSITATES CLOSE MONITORING OF PROGRAM BY EMBASSY, WHICH WOULD BE DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE UNDER HEMISPHERIC PROGRAM (B) POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS COULD DICTATE QUICK CHANGE IN LEVEL OR CONTENT OF PROGRAM, WITH SUCH CHANGE AT EMBASSY INITIATIVE FACILITATED BY SEPARATE PERU GRANT. (C) SEPARATE PERU GRANT ENSURES MINIMUM PROGRAM LEVEL WILL BE MAINTAINED. AIFLD AND ITSES OTHERWISE MIGHT NOT ACCORD THIS ACTIVITY A HIGH PRIORITY UNDER HEMISPHERIC PROGRAM, GIVEN PRESENT PROGRAM CONSTRAINTS IN PERU. (D) UNIQUE FEATURES OF PERU GRANT SUCH AS CTP PROGRAM THROUGH PTTI ARE NOT BELIEVED EASILY INCORPORATED INTO HEMISPHERIC PROGRAM. (E) SEPARATE DOCUMENTATION IS ALSO HELPFUL IN MAINTAINING DESIRABLE LOW PROFILE.
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